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In re Application of	:	
Errico, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/784,637	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 23 February, 2004	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)
Attorney Docket No. F-270	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), filed on 27 January, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 and after the expiration of the period specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in §1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed applications. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(4) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed application, accompanies this decision on petition.

This application is being referred to Technology Center/AU 3738 for consideration by the Examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed applications.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition may be directed to John J. Gillon, Jr., attorney, at (571) 272-3214. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Knight for AK', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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ATTACHMENT : Corrected Filing Receipt



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Application Information

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Sequence submission?::	None
Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::	No
Title::	INSTRUMENTATION FOR PROPERLY SEATING AN ARTIFICIAL DISC IN AN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACE
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Petition included?::	No
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